WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 10th MAY, 2006®

Bomb Blasts in Jammu and Kashmir

*361. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir) experienced serial bomb blasts on the 14th April, 2006;

if so, the number of persons who died and those who were seriously injured as a result thereof;

the number out of them who were civilians, para-military-army personnel and the terrorists involved, separately;

the terrorist organizations responsible for these blasts;

the number of terrorists responsible for the blasts apprehended so far; and

the follow up action taken to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Terrorists carried out seven grenade attacks in Srinagar city on 14th April 2006.

Five attacks took place between 1200 hours and 1325 hours at Exchange Road, Magarmal Bagh, Hanuman Mandir, Batmaloo and Dalgate. The remaining two attacks took place between 1325 and 1915hoursatSe KidaffarCK -.wk and Bohri Kadaal. Details of dead and injured in the grenade attacks on 14th April 2006 are as under:

	Security Force	Civilians	Terrorists
Killed	Nil	5	Nil
Injured	14	29	Nil

(d) Terrorist outfits Al-Mansoorian (an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Toiba), Jaish-e-Mohammad, Jamaiat-ul-Mujahideen and Islamic Front claimed responsibility for these blasts. The investigation and inputs point towards the joint involvement of LeT and JeM outfits in these blasts.

@ The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, the 10th May, 2006 was adjourned asa mark of respect to the memory of Shri Pramod Mahajan a sitting member. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, the 11th May, 2006.

(e) Nine persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.

(f) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, various steps have been taken to contain such incidents, which include, *inter alia,* beefing up of security in Srinagar city and around, intensified checking at sensitive places through special nakkas, surprise checking of vehicles to thwart the evil designs of terrorists.

The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border terrorism/infiltation in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/ infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Funds Received by NGOs

*362. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) under his Ministry are in receipt of the Central funds;

whether these NGOs are regularly submitting the required utilization certificates; and

if not, what action Government are contemplating to take agaisnt the defaulting NGOs during 2005-06, till date, NGO-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Seventeen Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) have been provided funds from the Export Development Fund for the North Eastern Region (EDF) for implementing projects for the promotion of exports. Two NGOs have been provided funds by the Tea Board for the welfare activties of tea plantation workers. Rubber Board for the implementation'of different schemes. Additionally, trade bodies like the Federation of Indian Chambers